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1. ([redacted]) Informed Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, of continued dangerous tensions in the Middle East.

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2. [redacted] Met with G. W. Ashworth, ~~Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff~~, and received from him the draft itinerary dated 21 November of the Near East survey trip by Seth Tillman, of the Committee staff, and Ashworth together with a letter from Chairman Fulbright requesting the same coordination with our field stations as members of his staff have enjoyed in the past.

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I briefed Ashworth in general terms on the present military situation in the Middle East and requested that he not attempt to meet separately with Agency representatives [redacted] I told him the work load on all our people in the area at this time is extremely heavy and it would be appreciated that requests be made through the Ambassador for any special meetings desired. He told me they would try not to be a burden and would limit requests to those determined essential and agreeable to the Ambassador. [redacted] WH Division, has been advised.

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3. [redacted] Talked briefly with Ralph Preston, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who is in the process of proofing the Defense appropriations bill and tentatively scheduled the meeting requested by him with Warren Magnusson, Finance, for early in the week of 3 December. Copies of the Defense bill and report will not be available before Monday when the Committee hopes to take the bill to the floor.

Also delivered to Preston a breakdown of the disciplines covered in Agency external training. This was by way of followup to the five-year study on Agency external training delivered to Preston last week.

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